

Minutes

Brookfield Conservation Commission Meeting

March 18, 2024,

7:00 pm Regular meeting at Brookfield Town Office/Library or via Zoom

In attendance: Starr Strong, Jon Binhammer in town office, Marty Allen and Sarah Shaw via Zoom

1. Review Agenda
2. Public Comment - none
3. Approval of Minutes of the February meeting - Starr moved to accept, Marty seconded, Jon B. had a slight correction in acreage of land area, all voted in favor to approve.
4. Treasurer's report, upcoming expenditure approvals – Starr said she was planning to meet with Kristi, the new town treasurer, to go over process for expenditures. Commissioners discussed proposed expenditure items:
 - a. \$50 in dues to Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions, moved by Marty, seconded by Jon, all approved
 - b. Up to \$250 for paint and brushes for boundary paint for Brookfield Town Forest, moved by Starr, seconded by Sarah, all voted in favor
 - c. \$100 for honorarium for White River Partnership Rudi Ruddell talk and field trip re: River Conservation at Brookfield Old Town Hall this summer, moved by Sarah, seconded by Marty, all voted in favor
5. Town plan committee mtg/ PC timetable for town plan – Jon explained the tight timeframe for adopting a new town plan, and mentioned the Town Plan Committee meeting on 3/26 at 7:00 (which will need to be warned).
6. Winter education programs
 - a. Galapagos talk by Starr – 3/24, 4:30pm – once again, expert photographer and Commissioner Starr Strong will entertain us with her talk on Sunday - publicity has gone out, and Sue will follow up on FPF.
7. Ongoing project updates

- a. Fen tree planting date – Commissioners decided to visit the site at 6:30 before the meeting on April 15, weather permitting, to see what was to be done, then will set a date for planting work
8. Green-Up Day – May 4 pre-work with Brookfield School? – Starr will make phone calls to her lists of folks and Jon will reach out to the principal. Commissioners wondered about incentives to get folks out to do clean-up. Logistics of incentives were discussed, but no conclusions reached. Will discuss at 4/15 meeting.
9. Other Business - none
10. Adjourn – next meeting April 15, 2024 – Marty moved, Sarah seconded, all favorable.